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ARKANSAS BROILER PLACEMENTS DOWN UP 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

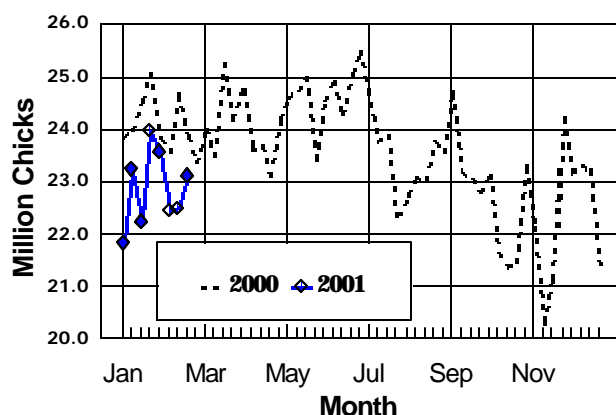
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in **Arkansas** was 23.1 million during the week ending February 24, 2001, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2000 but 3 percent above the previous week, and included 2.5 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000, through February 24, 2001 were 183.0 million, 5 percent below a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 24.4 million, down 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but 1 percent above the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.3 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatch ability for chicks hatched was 82.1 percent.

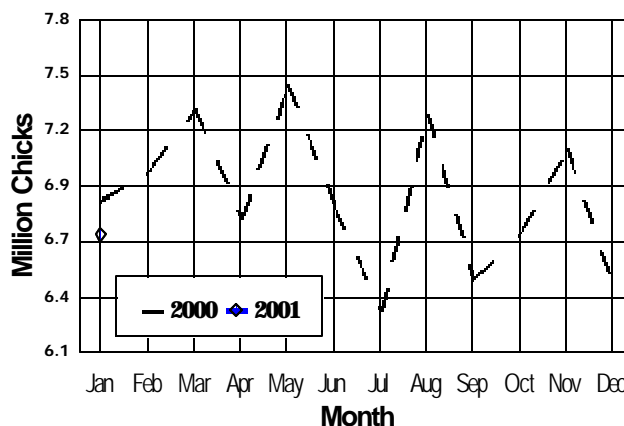
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 29.4 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending February 24, 2001, down 2 percent from the same period last year, but 8 percent above the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **UNITED STATES** placed 6.4 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during January 2001, down 3 percent from January 2000.

ARKANSAS BROILER CHICK PLACEMENTS BY WEEK, 2000 - 2001



U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICKS PLACED FOR DOMESTIC HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS



NET PLACEMENTS IN ARKANSAS

Week Ending	Year		% Change
	2000	2001	
	1,000		
Jan. 20	25,127	22,233	88
Jan. 27	23,841	24,001	101
Feb. 3	25,588	23,584	100
Feb. 10	24,678	22,457	91
Feb. 17	23,844	22,484	94
Feb. 24	23,384	23,136	99

U.S. PULLET CHICKS PLACED

Month	Year		% Change
	2000	2001	
	1,000		
Aug.	7,665	7,288	95
Sep.	6,870	6,469	94
Oct.	7,121	6,694	94
Nov.	6,984	7,105	102
Dec.	6,993	6,429	92
Jan.	6,861	6,685	97

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BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2001

EGGS SET (in Thousands)						CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/		Week Ending				1/	
STATE	03-Feb	10-Feb	17-Feb	24-Feb	%	20-Jan	27-Jan	03-Feb	10-Feb	17-Feb	24-Feb	%
Alabama	27,513 *	28,021	28,323	28,327	98	20,726	20,586	21,082	20,714	20,568	20,323	96
ARKANSAS	29,702	29,752	29,225 *	29,392	98	22,233	24,001	23,584	22,457	22,484	23,136	99
Delaware	3,974	3,976	4,306 *	4,316	95	4,540	5,423	4,982	5,526	4,693 *	4,729	113
Florida	2,489	2,724	2,719	2,554	90	2,340	2,236	2,300	2,183	2,049	2,434	107
Georgia	30,381	30,786	31,172 *	31,752	100	24,653	24,407	24,213	24,709	24,456 *	24,518	99
Maryland	8,205	8,279	8,590	8,664	101	5,646	4,906	5,702	5,050	5,533 *	5,572	91
Mississippi	17,833 *	18,097	18,167	18,570	103	14,870	15,193	15,290	15,261	14,843	14,769	101
N. Carolina	17,865 *	18,514	17,760	18,063	102	14,466	13,727	14,658	13,768	13,585	13,999	111
Pennsylvania	3,779 *	3,344 *	3,534 *	3,632	107	2,541	2,779 *	2,694 *	2,536 *	2,716 *	2,913	107
S. Carolina	4,934	4,748	4,798 *	4,930	100	4,058	4,229	4,160	4,067	4,017	3,760	96
Texas	13,990	14,553	14,544	14,663	102	11,345	11,180	11,106	11,218	11,258	11,532	103
Virginia	6,582	6,558	6,607	6,616	101	5,273	5,322	4,758	5,291	5,526	5,387	111
CA TN & W VA	11,387	11,371	11,486	11,721	102	9,587	9,940	10,255	10,527	9,565	9,608	99
Total 2000-2001	178,634 *	180,723 *	181,231 *	183,200		142,278	143,929 *	144,784 *	143,307 *	141,293 *	142,680	
Total 1999-2000	178,533	178,059	178,218	183,373		145,179	145,644	144,326	145,858	143,311	141,374	
% PREV. YEAR	100	101	102	100		98	99	100	98	99	101	
APPROXIMATE MARKETING DATE 2001.....						10-Mar	17-Mar	24-Mar	31-Mar	07-Apr	14-Apr	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 183 million eggs during the week ending February 24, 2001. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 143 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 24, 2001. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through February 24, 2001 were 1.14 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.